



# OLYMPIC PENINSULA **COMMUTER** ADVISORY

## Two 3-Day Closures in the Works for Hood Canal Bridge

### WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Late this summer a major access point for the Olympic Peninsula, the Hood Canal Bridge on State Route (SR) 104, will be closed twice, with each closure lasting three days, to replace the approach spans at either end of the bridge. These closures are necessary as part of the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) efforts to retrofit and replace sections of the bridge.

### WHEN WILL THE 3-DAY CLOSURES HAPPEN?

- **CLOSURE 1:** Thursday, August 11, 8:00 PM to Monday, August 15, 4:00 AM
- **CLOSURE 2:** Sunday, August 21, 8:00 PM to Thursday, August 25, 4:00 AM

The closures must take place during the summer, when weather and tidal conditions are optimal.

### WHY ARE THE CLOSURES NECESSARY?

WSDOT is installing wider bridge approach spans in preparation for the eventual replacement of the east half of the floating bridge.

### WHO IS AFFECTED?

Commuters and residents of the Olympic Peninsula who are planning to use the Hood Canal Bridge in August or September should monitor the closure schedule for this project. This is most easily accomplished by signing up for the project newsletter when visiting [www.hoodcanalbridge.com](http://www.hoodcanalbridge.com). This website provides a wealth of information about the project and is updated frequently. Those who do not have access to the Internet can call toll-free 1-877-595-HCB2 (4222).

### WHAT OTHER ROUTES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE PENINSULA?

The five most direct alternative routes from the Olympic Peninsula during the two 3-day closures are listed below.

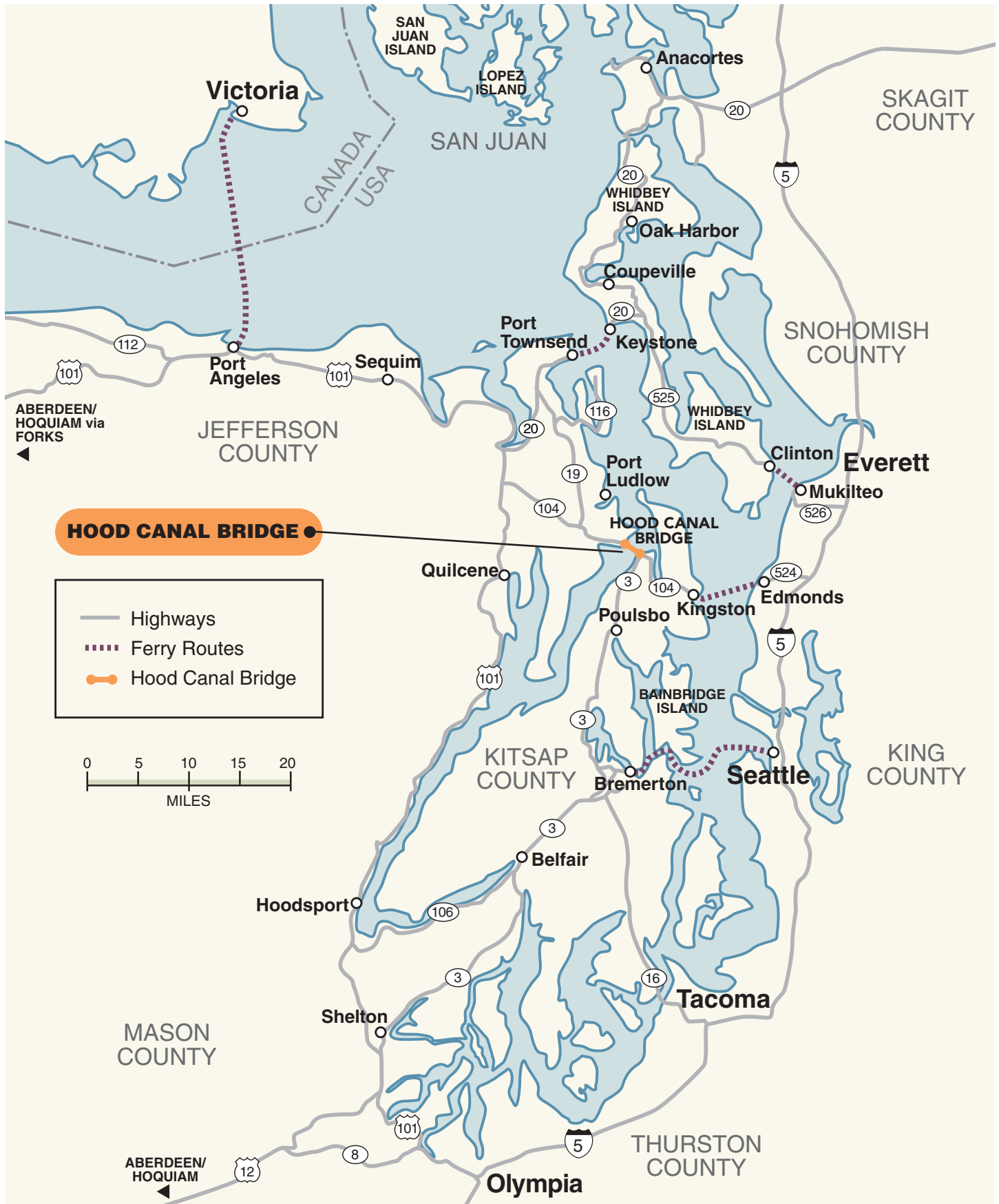
- **To Olympia:** Take US 101 southbound along Hood Canal to Olympia.
- **To Bremerton and Tacoma:** Take US 101 Southbound along Hood Canal to SR 3 at Shelton. Take SR 3 northbound through Belfair to its intersection with SR 16 in Bremerton. Take SR 16 eastbound to Tacoma.
- **To Seattle:** Take US 101 southbound along Hood Canal to SR 3 at Shelton. Take SR 3 northbound through Belfair to Bremerton and follow the signs to the Washington State Ferry terminal in downtown Bremerton. Take the Washington State Ferry to Seattle.
- **To North Puget Sound Area:** Take the Washington State Ferry from Port Townsend to Keystone (on Whidbey Island north of Seattle).
- **To Olympia via Aberdeen/Hoquiam:** Take US 101 southbound from Port Angeles to the Aberdeen/Hoquiam area, then head eastward on US 12 to its intersection with SR 8. Follow SR 8 to US 101 and follow US 101 into Olympia.

There are additional, though less direct, routes from the Kitsap and Olympic peninsulas via Washington State Ferries. Visit [www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries) for more information. Additionally, commercial ferries, commercial airlines and air charter services provide service from the Olympic Peninsula. Visit [www.northwestsecretplaces.com](http://www.northwestsecretplaces.com) for more information.

### HOW CAN PEOPLE STAY UP TO DATE ON THE CLOSURE SCHEDULE?

The easiest way to stay informed is by signing up for the Hood Canal Bridge e-newsletter at [www.hoodcanalbridge.com](http://www.hoodcanalbridge.com). This website provides a wealth of information about the project and is updated frequently. Those who do not have access to the Internet can call toll-free 1-877-595-HCB2 (4222). WSDOT is providing additional support materials to keep the news media well informed as well as providing in-route information through handouts, signs and highway advisory radio.

# Hood Canal Bridge Project **DETOUR MAP**



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